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1. From 4 to 20 February 1954, the 2d A-Kommando of the Prenzlau VP Verband conducted intensified field training including combat exercises, record practices, and night marches at battalion level. Exercises and record firings involving heavy weapons were held in the Jaegerbrueck-Torgelow area.

2. From 27 February to 3 March, officers of the division headquarters prepared a major exercise which was believed to be held at division level. The course of the maneuver was fixed during staff exercises at the sand table.

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3. A field exercise involving the entire 2d A-Kommando of about 1,200 men was scheduled to be held in the Boitzenburg area near Templin on 2 and 3 March. All vehicles and guns of the Kommando were scheduled to be employed.

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4. At night on 1 and 2 March, 50 trucks occupied by KVP soldiers left the barracks installations in Eggesin and departed toward Torgelow. The soldiers were equipped with small arms.

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1953, training at KVP units was intensified and special stress was laid on early training in the terrain. The KVP command apparently is striving to improve combined-arms training to an extent that maneuvers can be held for the first time in the fall of 1954. Theoretical treatment of field maneuvers in the classroom and at the sand table prior to practical execution conforms with Soviet principles. It is believed that the exercises after early March were held at regimental level. From the observations in the Eggesin area it is concluded that about two mechanized regiments from Karpin probably left for maneuvers.

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